

01-R-0451

A RESOLUTION BY *'able' Mable Thomas Donny*
COUNCIL MEMBER "ABLE" MABLE THOMAS *Mark*

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE
A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO HOW WASTEWATER TREATMENT
FOR THE CITY WILL BE HANDLED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Whereas, the City of Atlanta desires to provide clean and environmentally-sound streams and river to responsibly meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act, 33 U. S. C. ;and

Whereas, some of the City of Atlanta pipes which carry human wastes; industrial wastes, and stormwater are old and antiquated; and

Whereas, the City of Atlanta' s previous attempts to correct the hazards of combined sewer overflows with CSO treatment facilities have been found to be inadequate; and

Whereas, the City of Atlanta has entered into a Consent Decree in the litigation known as Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, et. al v. City of Atlanta and this Consent Decree specifies that the City shall indicate its preferred alternative for remediating CSO's; and

Whereas, the EPA Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Policy states that "In developing its long-term CSO control plan, the permittee will employ a public participation process that actively involves the affected public in the decision-making to select the long-term CSO controls" (40 CFR Part 122); and

Whereas, the public participation process should provide equal opportunities for the affected public: to determine the agenda, rules for discussions, and to speak and raise questions and have equal access to information; and

Whereas, the City Administration and its consultants have recommended their alternative for remediating the CSO's which would cost up to \$2 billion; and

Whereas, the City's recommended alternative relegates full sewer separation to the status of an unfunded add-on; and

Whereas, under the City Administration's recommended alternative, the city would build consolidated storage tunnels and dedicated CSO treatment plants but would have 5 or more combined sewer overflow point sources which are expected to each have 4 overflow events per year; and

Whereas, perpetuation of any CSO's will continue to subject the city to the requirements of the Consent Decree, including fines of up to \$2 million for every overflow event that exceeds water quality standards; and

Whereas, stormwater is fundamentally different from sewage and has different treatment requirements; and

Whereas, the greenspaces which are part of the full separation proposal provide the flexibility to meet any future; stormwater treatment requirements; and

Whereas, the City Council, the elected representatives of the people, has yet to weigh and deliberate, as a body, the merits of any alternative for remediating CSO's.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AS FOLLOWS:

That it is the intent of the City of Atlanta to immediately implement a public participation process, including public hearings, that is both fair and competent and actively involves rate-payers, the City Council and other members of the affected public, in decision-making to select the preferred alternative for remediating Atlanta's CSO's.

The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to expeditiously pursue a systematic approach to disentangle stormwater management from wastewater treatment in the City of Atlanta with input from the Atlanta City Council and affected public.

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☐ Consent

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MAYOR'S ACTION